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Re: March 2014 Monthly Progress Report
Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action
U.S. EPA Region 10 Docket No. CERCLA 10-2009-0255
Gasco Sediments Site within the Portland Harbor Superfund Site

Project Number: 000029-02.32

Dear Mr. Sheldrake:

This monthly progress report provides information required by Section VIII, Paragraph 26, of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action (Order) for actions taken in March 2014 at the Gasco Sediments Site within the Portland Harbor Superfund Site.

1. ACTIONS TAKEN IN THIS MONTH AND PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

The following actions and correspondences occurred in this month:

- **March 3** – NW Natural and Siltronic attended a meeting with EPA to discuss the path forward for the Gasco Sediments Site *Substantial Product Accessibility Framework* and other unresolved technical issues on the draft *Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis*.
- **March 17** – Anchor QEA submitted the Gasco Sediments Site monthly progress report to EPA.
- **March 24** – Anchor QEA performed the monthly visual monitoring of the shoreline area

in the direct vicinity of the pilot cap.

2. RESULTS OF SAMPLING, TESTS, AND OTHER DATA RECEIVED

The results of the monthly visual monitoring of the shoreline area in the direct vicinity of the pilot cap are provided as Attachment A.

3. SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT MONTH

Anchor QEA anticipates the following activities to occur in the next month:

- Submit the April monthly progress report.
- Complete monthly visual monitoring of the shoreline area in the direct vicinity of the pilot cap area.
- NW Natural and Siltronic to further discuss with EPA the path forward for the Gasco Sediments Site *Substantial Product Accessibility Framework* and other unresolved technical issues on the *Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis*.

4. ANTICIPATED PROBLEMS AND PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

No problems or unforeseen conditions were encountered.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

Attachment A Monthly Visual Monitoring Report for Pilot Cap Vicinity

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Visual Observations Log Form

Date March 24, 2014 **Project Number:** 000029-02 BG-32 Task 4a

Location: NW Natural "Gasco" Site

Project Name: NW Natural – Gasco

Monitoring Period: Monthly (Year 8)—March 2014

Time Observations Started: March 24, 2014 @ 14:30 **Time Observation Concluded:** March 24, 2014 @ 15:30

Weather Conditions: Scattered clouds, 67° Fahrenheit, southeast wind @ 5-10 knots.

Wave Action Observations: Light wave action (0.0 – 0.3 feet in height)

Photographs Taken: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tidal Conditions: Willamette River level on 3/24/14 ranged in elevation from 4.98 to 6.43 feet. The Willamette River level during photos was approximately 6.12 feet measured at 15:00 (River Level Elevation Datum: Morrison Gage Height).

Observations of Erosion/Deposition: No erosion/deposition is evident along the shoreline. The shoreward extent of the cap was not visible due to high river water elevation and the extents of the organoclay mat material were also submerged. (Photo 1).

Observations of Long-term Controls (i.e., oil booms, organo-clay mat, etc.) During the observation, the Fuel and Marine Marketing (FAMM) containment boom was placed across the cap area, between the upriver corner of the ship dock and the wooden dolphin (near the upriver extent of the site and near the Siltronic Corporation outfall). Buoys that identify the cap area to mariners are in place as installed. The position of the FAMM oil boom, warning buoys, and a general overview of the site shoreline is shown in Photo 2.

Other Comments: No sheen is evident in or around the cap area. Photo 3 shows the water surface and shoreline immediately downriver of the sediment cap.

Recorded by: **Douglas Laffoon**

Photo 1 — *River level currently above the extent of sediment cap (3/24/14):*



Photo 2 — *FAMM oil boom shown and mariner warning buoys in place across pilot cap area. (3/24/14):*



Photo 3 — *Conditions immediately downriver of cap area (3/24/14):*

